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Venture Capital Fund Scheme for SC Entrepreneurs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Venture Capital Fund Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) entrepreneurs has been successful in promoting entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Caste population in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of SC entrepreneurs who have been benefitted under the scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the other steps being taken by the Government to help SC entrepreneurs in achieving economic empowerment; and

(d) the estimated number of entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Castes in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Under the Scheme proposal of 64 SC entrepreneurs from 17 States have been sanctioned so far. The State-wise details of the entrepreneurs of the last three years is at Annexure.
(c): Government has launched 'Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Castes' with a view to support Banks and Financial Institutions who will be providing financial assistance to SC entrepreneurs and facilitate economic and inclusive development of SC entrepreneurs. "Stand-up India Scheme" to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women. The SC/ST Hub to provide professional support to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs to effectively participate in public procurement policy. Besides, the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) implements various credit based schemes for business ventures of SC beneficiaries.
(d): No such estimation/compilation is made by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.